

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the arguments below. Claims 1, 2, 4-20, 22-25, 27-30 and 32-49 were pending. Within the Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8-13, 15, 17, 19, 25, 27, 32, 34, 36, 38, 41, 43, 45 and 47 have been rejected, Claims 5, 7, 20, 22-24, and 28-30 have been allowed and Claims 14, 16, 18, 33, 35, 37, 39, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48 and 49 have been objected to. By the above amendment, Claims 12, 32 and 41 have been amended, Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8-11, 18, 25, 27, 34-37 and 43-46 have been canceled and new Claims 50-61 have been added. Accordingly, Claims 5, 7, 12-17, 19, 20, 22-24, 28-30, 32, 33, 38-42 and 47-61 are now pending.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e):

Within the Office Action, Claims 1, 2 and 8-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,438,105 to Qarni et al. (Qarni). By the above amendments, Claims 1, 2 and 8-10 have been canceled.

Within the Office Action, Claims 6, 11-13, 15, 17, 19, 25, 27, 32, 34, 36, 38, 41, 43, 45 and 47 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,662,330 to Hershey (Hershey). By the above amendments, Claims 6, 11, 25, 27, 34, 36, 43 and 45 have been canceled. Within the Office Action, Claims 14, 16, 18, 33, 35, 37, 39, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48 and 49 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but it is indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By the above amendment, the independent Claim 12 has been amended to include the limitations of objected to Claim 18 and Claim 18 has been canceled. Accordingly, the independent Claim 12 is allowable as indicated within the Office Action.

Claims 13-17 and 19 are dependent on the independent Claim 12. As discussed above, the independent Claim is allowable. Accordingly, Claims 13-17 and 19 are all also allowable as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

By the above amendment, the independent Claim 32 has been amended to include the limitations of objected to Claim 37 and Claim 37 has been canceled. Accordingly, the independent Claim 32 is allowable as indicated within the Office Action.

Claims 33 and 38-40 are dependent on the independent Claim 32. As discussed above, the independent Claim 32 is allowable. Accordingly, Claims 33 and 38-40 are all also allowable as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

By the above amendment, the independent Claim 41 has been amended to include the limitations of the objected to Claim 46 and Claim 46 has been canceled. Accordingly, the independent Claim 41 is allowable as indicated within the Office Action.

Claims 42 and 47-49 are all dependent on the independent Claim 41. As discussed above, the independent Claim 41 is allowable. Accordingly, Claims 42 and 47-49 are all also allowable as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

By the above amendment, the objected to Claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form as new Claim 50, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the new independent Claim 50 is allowable.

By the above amendment, the objected to Claim 16 has been rewritten in independent form as new Claim 51, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the new independent Claim 51 is allowable.

By the above amendment, the objected to Claim 33 has been rewritten in independent form as new Claim 52, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the new independent Claim 52 is allowable.

By the above amendment, the objected to Claim 35 has been rewritten in independent form as new Claim 53, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the new independent Claim 53 is allowable.

By the above amendment, the objected to Claim 39 has been rewritten in independent form as new Claim 55, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the new independent Claim 55 is allowable.

By the above amendment, the objected to Claim 40 has been rewritten in independent form as new Claim 56, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the new independent Claim 56 is allowable.

By the above amendment, the objected to Claim 42 has been rewritten in independent form as new Claim 57, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the new independent Claim 57 is allowable.

By the above amendment, the objected to Claim 44 has been rewritten in independent form as new Claim 58, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the new independent Claim 58 is allowable.

By the above amendment, the objected to Claim 48 has been rewritten in independent form as new Claim 60, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the new independent Claim 60 is allowable.

By the above amendment, the objected to Claim 49 has been rewritten in independent form as new Claim 61, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the new independent Claim 61 is allowable.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103:

Within the Office Action, Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Qarni in view of Hershey. By the above amendments, Claim 4 has been canceled.

It is indicated within the Office Action that Claims 5, 7, 20, 22-24, and 28-30 are allowed.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,
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